

ABSTRACT

Methods for a graphic user interface within a document production system, including a method for associating electronic data files to particular document components and a method for providing a graphical representation of a job model for a document. Included within these methods are methods for checking the progress during production of a job through production processes having a plurality of devices as well as methods of checking the status of components of the document and status of devices during production. Also included in these methods are methods for selecting among a plurality of possible arrangements of devices capable of producing the document.